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1. WE BELIEVE THAT EMBASSY WILL BE ON FIRM GROUND IN ASSURING JAYASINGHE THAT SWRD BANDARANAIKE'S NAME HAS NOT FIGURED IN NEW YORK TIMES STORIES OF CIA ACTIVITIES. A CAREFUL RECHECKING OF TIMES COVERAGE HAS FAILED TO TURN UP ANY MENTION OF BANDARANAIKE AS POSSIBLE OR ACTUAL TARGET OF CIA ASSASSINATION PLOT. IN ADDITION TO REVIEW OF STORIES QUOTED IN REF A, WE HAVE CHECKED TIMES INDEX AND AUTOMATED INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SYSTEM MAINTAINED BY DEPARTMENT LIBRARY ON LATE CITY EDITION OF NEW YORK TIMES. BOTH ARE UP-TO-DATE AND VERY THOROUGH. NAMES OF FOREIGN LEADERS CITED IN CONTEXT OF ASSASSINATION PLOTTING INCLUDE: LUMUMBA, CASTRO, TRUJILLO, DIEM, DE GAULLE,
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CHOU EN-LAI, AND DUVALIER BUT NOT RPT NOT SWRD

BANDARANAIKE. ARTICLE IN JUNE 17 EDITION OF TIMES REVIEWING DATA REVEALED BY STUDY OF MINUTES OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS BETWEEN 1959 AND 1963 TOUCHES ON CASTRO AND DE GAULLE BUT NOT OTHERS.

2. CHECK WITH WASHINGTON OFFICE OF NEW YORK TIMES CONFIRMED THAT THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN TEXT OF TIMES STORIES IN ITS VARIOUS EDITIONS EXCEPT IN CASE OF FAST-BREAKING NEWS. CIA STORIES IN QUESTION, ACCORDING TO TIMES SOURCES, DID NOT FALL IN THIS CATEGORY.

3. ANDRONOV STORY IN SOVIET PUBLICATION "NEW TIMES" HAS PASSAGE CONTAINING NYT REFERENCE TO "SEVEN FOREIGN LEADERS" (REF A), BUT WE NOTE THAT WHEN READ CLOSELY, ANDRONOV DOES NOT ACTUALLY FABRICATE STATEMENT BY NYT IDENTIFYING SWRD BUT MERELY STATES, "THE PRESS NAMED..." IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT SOME OTHER U.S. PUBLICATION MAY HAVE MENTIONED BANDARANAIKE ALTHOUGH THIS SEEMS UNLIKELY.

4. WE HAVE ORDERED COPY OF MARCH 13 EDITION OF TIMES WHICH WILL BE POUCHED TO YOU AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED.
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